Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Even in the matter of an important measure it is so.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Then it is not a S. O. argument but is a so so argument.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* It may be so because normally you are accustomed to that.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* You abuse me. But the character of my argument remains.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* I said that such a Government in my opinion will be doing proper things. But the difficulty will be that there should be some sort of justification for doing a thing. There is no use of saying that they are doing the right thing. They should fortify their actions by certain rules. There is no use of the argument of the Hon'ble Secretary that "though there is a rule after all it is not followed, so why should it not be allowed to remain on the Statute". I argue the other way; why should such a provision be allowed to remain in the Statute Book? My submission, therefore, to this House is that in such matters the Government should be absolutely above board. There is no meaning in allowing the public to think that the Government is not accepting the rules which ought to be binding on them. The public think that the Government for certain definite purpose are adapting the rules to achieve certain ends which should be made much more plain. I submit that it is a vital matter not only for the Government but also to the public as well as the persons in service and so I commend this resolution for the acceptance of the House.

Resolution put and lost.

13. Repair to the "Nariyamkulam" tank in Puduruthi Village.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Mr. President, Sir, my resolution reads thus :—

"This Council recommends to the Government that immediate repairs be made to the tank called "Nariyamkulam" in Puduruthi Village, Talappalli Taluk, thus making it available for the use of the agriculturists of the locality".

The purpose in tabling this resolution is to invite the attention of the Government to the necessity of effecting repairs to "Nariyamkulam" in Puduruthi village. Puduruthi village is a place where paddy cultivation is conducted on a large scale; and due to want of

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public tanks for agricultural purposes the people are experiencing much difficulty. As far as I know, there is no other tank in the village which is available to the agriculturists of that locality. In such circumstances, it is necessary to find funds from the Panchayat Department to this urgent piece of work. I think that the Hon'ble Minister will attend to this item of work as early as possible.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* I beg to second it.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* As a matter of fact instructions have been issued to include it in the budget for 1117. I perfectly agree that it is a very useful tank for bathing and for cattle. I do not know whether it is useful for cultivation. But the department admits that it is a very useful tank.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* In view of the statement made by the Hon'ble Minister that the matter is being attended to, I beg leave of the House to withdraw my resolution.

Resolution, by leave, withdrawn.

T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* The House seems to be very thin. I move for the adjournment of the House.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* I second it.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Because the House is thin, that is no ground for an adjournment.

14. Introduction of hand-spinning as a relief measure for unemployment.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* The resolution standing in my name reads thus.—

"This Council recommends to the Government to introduce hand-spinning as a relief measure for the unemployment caused by the slump in the coir business".

Sir, the place of hand-spinning as a cottage industry in the economics of this country has been well established and I think it would be too presumptuous on my part at this distance of time to discuss the question whether it is desirable or not desirable to open hand-spinning centres and the duty of the Government to encourage such industries. I know there are persons who are not completely satisfied with the economic aspects of this industry. But I can only

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